

County Administrative Office Governmental & Legislative Affairs

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Director

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The Honorable Hannah-Beth Jackson California State Senate State Capitol Building Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 1093 (Jackson) – as Introduced on February 13, 2018 – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Jackson:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 1093 which adds Adult Protective Services (APS) social workers to the list of persons who can obtain enhanced confidentiality protections from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

Current state law makes the home addresses of all individuals within DMV records confidential. Enhanced protection is available under Vehicle Code Section 1808.4 to 23 classes of persons whose jobs are particularly sensitive including law enforcement professionals and child protective services workers. These individuals, along with their spouses and children, may request their home addresses be held confidential by DMV and may only be disclosed to a court, a law enforcement agency, or the State Board of Equalization pursuant to a subpoena issued by a court in a civil or criminal case; or to a governmental agency legally required to be furnished the information.

Over the past two decades the APS program has grown, and the level of crime perpetrated against elder and dependent adults has increased. When conducting investigations of abuse and neglect of the elderly and disabled, APS social workers often use their personal vehicles to visit private residences. During these visits, APS social workers face the same concerns and potentially negative encounters in the field as child protective services workers but they are not afforded the same protection. Ensuring APS staff safety is critical for them to continue protecting the most vulnerable Californians. By safeguarding the confidentiality of their home addresses, APS social workers would have added protection to safely conduct these crucial investigations that ultimately contribute to the overall health, safety, and well-being of County residents.

For the above reasons, the County of San Bernardino supports SB 1093. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov.

Sincerely,

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Chairman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors

c: San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation